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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the application, Attorneys for Applicant hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached revised form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." Legible copies of references AA-GH are submitted herewith.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of Applicant or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicant respectfully declines to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicant submits herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited."

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the listed references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

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